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ABSTRACT

This thesaurus, developed by the National Information Center for Educational Media (NICEM), represents an expansion of the NICEM subject headings list, which is designed to provide access to a database of bibliographical records of nonprint, educational media. A preface discusses the issues that led to a revamping of the subject headings, elucidates the process of expanding the subject headings into a thesaurus, and explains how the thesaurus will improve access to the database. The thesaurus contains 4,300 terms grouped into the following 24 curricular and 2 non-curricular categories (i.e., "top terms") that have hierarchical and connecting relationships: agriculture; business; communications; computers; consumer and homemaker economics; counseling and guidance; economics; education; geography; health and safety; information science; history; industrial and technical education; language arts; languages; literature and drama; mathematics; persons; physical education and recreation; place names; political science; psychology; religion and philosophy; science; social sciences; and visual and performing arts. The main part of the thesaurus consists of an alphabetical listing of preferred and cross-reference terms. A typical preferred term entry includes the term, scope note, "used for" term(s), narrower terms, broader terms, top term, related term(s), and date of input. The second part presents a hierarchical display under the top terms. (AEF)

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